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Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Original): A denture adhesive composition comprising a denture adhesive effective amount of a denture adhesive salt which is an amino ethyl ethylene urea- substituted mixed partial salt of a copolymer of a polyalkyl vinyl ether and maleic acid, in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the cations of the salt are selected from, zinc, sodium, calcium, potassium, magnesium, strontium, zirconium or combinations thereof.
- 2. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cations of the partial salt are a combination of sodium, magnesium and zinc.
- 3. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cations of the partial salt are a combination of magnesium and zinc.
- 4. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cations of the partial salt are a combination of zinc and calcium.
- 5. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cations of the partial salt are a combination of calcium and sodium.
- 6. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkyl moiety is methyl.
- 7. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a cream.
- 8. (Original): The composition according to claim 6, wherein the AEEU-substituted denture adhesive copolymer salt comprises about 15-55% by weight of the total composition.
- 9. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a powder.

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- 10. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a liner.
- 11. (Original): The composition according to claim 10, wherein the liner is in the form of a hot-melt extruded liner.
- 12. (Original): The composition according to claim 10, wherein the liner is in the form of a non-adhesive self-supporting layer.
- 13. (Original): The composition according to claim 1, further comprising a polyalkylvinylether/maleic acid activator.
- 14. (Original): The composition according to claim 13, where in the polyalkylvinylether/maleic acid activator is present from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the composition.
- 15.—13. (Currently Amended). A compound which is a mixed partial salt of an amino ethyl ethylene urea substituted polyalkylvinylether/maleic acid copolymer.
- 16.-14. (Currently Amended). The compound according to claim 13 15, wherein the acid copolymer is neutralized with a cation selected from the group consisting of zinc, sodium, calcium, potassium, magnesium, zirconium, and strontium, or combinations thereof.